

In the claims:

1-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously amended) A data entry system, comprising:

an input unit adapted to receive a plurality of first input signals, wherein at least some of the first input signals are together associated with substantially all the letters of a language such that at least one of the first input signals is associated with more than one letter; and

a word predictive system adapted to select a word from a word database responsive to a sequence of first input signals provided by a user,

wherein the input unit comprises a plurality of keys representing the first input signals to which the letters are assigned, said keys being arranged in two groups, wherein each group is configured for use by a different finger of the user.

36. (Currently amended) The system of claim 35, comprising:

an output unit for displaying the selected word to a user; and

~~a second input unit adapted to receive second input signals corresponding to the letters of the language;~~

wherein the word predictive system is adapted to select a word for a sequence of first input signals by using received second input signals that correspond to the letters of the language.

37. (Previously amended) The system of claim 36, wherein the second input unit is adapted to receive speech signals corresponding to the letters of the language.

38. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37, comprising a recognition system which uses the speech signals corresponding to the letters of the alphabet in selecting for first input signals a single letter from the group of symbols associated with the first signal..

39. (Previously amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the two groups of keys are located on opposite sides of a device.

40. (Currently amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the data entry system comprises four keys, each key being used to generate one of the first input signals, ~~the four keys together being associated with substantially all the letters of the language being~~

assigned amongst all of said four keys, and wherein said four keys are operative to disambiguously generate all the letters of the language.

41. (Previously amended) The system of claim 40, wherein the keys of each group are arranged so as to form two columns of keys.

42-43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~42~~³⁵, wherein the at least some of the first input signals are together associated with all the letters of the language.

45. (Previously amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the two groups of keys are located on opposite sides of a screen associated with the system.

46. (Previously amended) The system of claim 40, wherein the keys comprise at least one of virtual keys and physical keys.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, wherein different interactions with the keys correspond to different signals.

49. (Previously presented) The system of claim 48, wherein the keys respond to two different types of interactions, a first type of interaction corresponds to respective ones of the first signals and a second type of interaction corresponds to symbols other than those represented by the first signals.

50. (Previously presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the keys are associated with respective ones of the first signals when pressed slightly and with other symbols when pressed heavily.

51. (Cancelled)

52. (Previously amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the letters of the language are assigned to six keys.

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Previously amended) The system of claim 40, wherein the letter keys of each group are arranged so as to form two columns of keys.

55-80. (Cancelled)

81. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, wherein the letter keys of each group are arranged so as to form two rows of keys.

82. (New) A data entry system, comprising:

an input unit adapted to receive a plurality of first input signals, wherein at least some of the first input signals are together associated with substantially all the letters of a language such that at least one of the first input signals is associated with more than one letter; and

a word predictive system adapted to select a word from a word database responsive to a sequence of first input signals provided by a user,

wherein the input unit comprises a plurality of keys representing the first input signals to which the letters are assigned, said keys being arranged in two groups, wherein each group is configured for use by a different finger of the user, and wherein at least one of said letters are associated with at least one of said keys based on a shape of said at least one of said letters.

83. (New) A data entry system, comprising:

an input unit adapted to receive a plurality of first input signals, wherein at least some of the first input signals are together associated with substantially all the letters of a language such that at least one of the first input signals is associated with more than one letter,

wherein the input unit comprises a plurality of keys representing the first input signals to which the letters are assigned, said keys being arranged in two groups, wherein each group is configured for use by a different finger of the user; and

a word predictive system adapted to select a word from a word database responsive to a sequence of first input signals provided by a user combined with a behavior of the user.

84. (New) The system of claim 83, wherein said behavior of the user comprises movement of said user towards a desired symbol.

85. (New) A data entry system of a device, comprising:

a plurality of input means, wherein four of the input means are together associated with substantially all of the letters of a language;

wherein the four input means to which the letters are assigned are arranged in two groups, two of the four input means in one group and the other two of the four groups in the other group, wherein the two groups are arranged to be manipulated by two different fingers of a user, and the two input means of each group are both arranged to be manipulated by the finger for that group.

86. (New) The data entry system according to claim 85, wherein said input means are used with a word predictive system using a dictionary of words, wherein upon actuation of at least said input means, the system predicts one or more words from the dictionary.

87. (New) The data entry system according to claim 86, wherein at least one letter of the predicted word comprises a letter entered precisely by said input means.

88. (New) The data entry system according to claim 85, wherein the plurality of input means further comprises a space key and a backspace key.

89. (New) The data entry system according to claim 85, wherein the input means of each group forms a column of two letter input means.

90. (New) The data entry system according to claim 88, wherein the backspace key is on the side of a first column of the input means, and the space key is on the side of a second column of the input means.

91. (New) The data entry system according to claim 85, wherein said input means are keys.

92. (New) The data entry system according to claim 85, wherein the two groups of the input means are arranged on opposite sides of a surface of an input device.

93. (New) The data entry system according to claim 85, wherein the two groups of the input means are touch screen keys arranged on opposite sides of a screen of an input device.

94. (New) The data entry system according to claim 85, wherein the two groups of the input means are separated by at least a portion of a screen of an input device.